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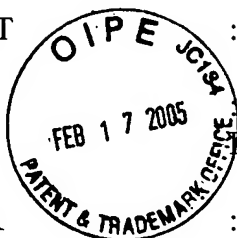
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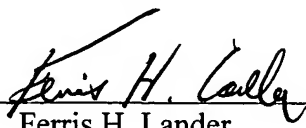
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Applicants submit that the present invention is patentable over the cited references.

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